THE HUMBLE ADDRESSE

OF THE

Lord Maior, Aldermen and Common-Council of the City of LONDON; on *Tueſday* laſt, being the 9th. of this inſtant *Auguſt*:

To the COUNCIL of STATE.

TOGETHER WITH

The Lord *WHITLOCK*'s

SPEECH

In Anſwer thereunto.

Wherein is diſcovered the ſtate of the Affairs in *Cheſhire*, *Lancaſhire*, *Yorkſhire*, *Kent*, *Suſſex* and *Surrey*; And ſeveral other parts of the Nation.

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ON *Tueſday* laſt, about Five of the Clock in the afternoon, came the Lord Maior, Aldermen, and Common-councel of the City of *London*, by Order of Parliament to attend the Council of State, and entring in at the back dore of the Council Chamber, they (after the Councel came, in) ſeated themſelves, the Lord Maiors Chair being placed oppoſite to the Chair which was appointed for the Lord *Whitlock*, the Common-councel men having ſeated themſelves (according to their places) behind the ſaid Lord Maior, and Aldetmen, the Lord *Whitlock*, made a Speech to them as followeth?

The Lord Maior neither at his Entrance or Return ſaid any thing; only expreſs'd his Thankfulneſſe by the bowing of his Body.

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The Speech of the Lord *Whitlock*, made in the Council Chamber at *Whitehall*; in the preſence of the Council of State, and the Lord Maior, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the City of *London*; upon *Tueſday* the 9th of *Auguſt* 1659.

MY Lord, and you his Brethren, and the reſt of the Common-Council of the City of *London*; it hath pleaſed the Parliament to Order this meeting by you, to give you notice of the Proceedings now on foot in this Nation: And whereas in your Petition, and Declaration to the Parliament; you have ſet forth your Affections to them, and your Willingneſs to joyn with them in the Affairs of the Nation: And you were pleaſed to put them in mind of ſeveral Particulars, worthy of their Conſideration; in which, and in many others, the Parliament have made a good progreſs, though they found a great alteration in the ſtate of Affairs, ſince the time they were, (as you mention in your Petition;) and the truth is, with Violence Interrupted; for when they met again, they found a great alteration, by a vaſt expence of treaſure, a great decay, and loſs of Trade, and Wars begun with Forrain Nations, and chiefly to ſupport the intereſt of a ſingle Perſon: Yet however the Parliament were willing to look forward for the carrying on of Affairs in theſe Nations, and put all in Oblivion that was paſt in the late ſeveral changes of Government, and now deſired to ſettle a Common-wealth, and thereupon paſt an Act of Indempnity; but they were informed at their firſt meeting and coming together, of a deſign of *Charles Stuart*, and

and his Agents, to destroy this Nation of their Freedome, and settlement of this Common-wealth; this was carried on during the last Convention, and was managed by some Members of that Convention, which hath appeared Acters in it. Therefore it hath taken a great part of their time to discover their wicked practices: At that time there was *Massey* and divers others as parties imployed to carry on that Design; and here in *London*, they had their Councels, and secret meetings to carry on that business, In it was also Mr. *John Mordant*, who made a narrow escape for his Life, at his Tryal before the High Court of Justice, yet is faln again into this Design, that is so laboured, and endevoured to be carried on; for it appears manifest, that Mr. *Mordant* is gone over as their Agent here, to *Charles Stuart*; and hath received direction, and was supplied with monies, for the carrying on of this desperate business now on foot in *England*: There are many others, as Mr. *Newport*, lately taken prisoner in *Shrewsbery* there was also Letters intercepted, directed to the Lady *Howard*, and another to the Lord *Herbert*, and divers others, amongst which, were some from *Charles Stuart*, as hath appeared by the Examination and Confession of several persons now taken prisoners: so that this Design is evidently made forth, that they endevour to set up *Charles Stuart*, to reign in Tyranny amongst us, and to destroy this State and Common-wealth; for there hath been several Meetings and Randezvouz appointed by them in several places of this Nation; but by the care and diligence of the Parliament, and Council of State, with the help of their forces at home and abroad, meeting with them in divers places, they have disappointed them, and taken divers prisoners, being frustrated in these parts, there hath another party appeared in a Body in an open Hostile manner in *Cheshire*, *Lancashire*, and those parts, (as I presume you have all heard,) there are with them, (and joyned in this Design,) divers eminent Commanders and Officers, as *Randal Egerton*, and *Robert Werden*, and others that were in the late Kings Army, and with them there hath joyned Sir *George Booth*, and Sir *Thomas Middleton*, and are all in actual Arms, having taken *Chester*, and *Carrick Castle*, and have proclaimed *Charles Stuart* to be King in *Warrington*, and those parts; and

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what their Design is, is evident by their actions; this is their business and their Design, to ruin and imbroil this Common-wealth in blood; but the Parliament having pleased by their Authority, and their Council, have taken care, that a considerable Force hath been sent forth under the conduct of the Lord *Lambert*, and they are far on their march to those parts to suppress those Rebels, yet those in *Cheshire* have been working to see what may be done in procuring Assistance in this City of *London* for their help in carrying on this desperate Design; it appears fully by many examinations taken by the Council, and as it appears by some taken by your Lordship, and some of you worthy Gentlemen; so that you see their Design is to make a disturbance in this famous City, that your Houses and your Goods may be brought into the hands of the Spoilers; There Design was to have fired the City in divers parts of it, and to plunder the City, and to bring an utter Destruction upon this famous City; which I doubt not, but the Lord will preserve, and have a care of: And therefore we hope that you will all have a great care in this business, and be very careful to joyn with those that have the trust of the Affairs of this Nation, in the preservation of this Common-wealth. It is the duty of all well affected and faithful Citizens of this Common-wealth; therefore it must be your endevours herein, that so you may be Examples to others. The Parliament therefore finding this City thus deeply concerned in the Affairs of this Common-wealth, have thought good, things might be imparted to you the Lord Maior, and Aldermen, and the rest, the Common-Council of your City, by reason there are such designs among you, that it is plain and evident, by some parties ingaged among you in this Design; therefore it is your duty, and we doubt not of your care, but that you will joyn in this business, though there are divers of your Apprentices gone forth to assist those persons, that intend ruine upon this City. Gentlemen, you that are Commissioners of the *Militia* of this City, you have taken a great deal for care for the forming of a *Militia* for your own preservation, you have raised some Horse and some Foot; The Parliament hope you will go on, for your own sakes, for your own protection, as well as the Publick.

Publick. It is the duty of the Parliament to take care of all their Forces, in a ſpecial and peculiar manner, for the preſervation of this City, and of your Safeties, and of the ſafety of your Wives and Children, And therefore they thought good to let you know the ſtate of things and deſigns abroad; They have certified their intention of advancing of the Trade of this Nation, and their putting an end to all their Troubles; It is their Duty, It is their Truſt, but you cannot but be ſenſible of their Interruption. Gentlemen, we are all envolved in one and the ſame cauſe, it is a Righteous cauſe, a Juſt cauſe, it is a ſettlement of peace, a ſetling of you and your poſterity, that you may not be under the Yoak of Tyrany, and made Vaſſals, but that you may be a free people, and your Freedome advanced, your Peace preſerved, and your Rights and Liberties continued; ſo that if we be united together in the cauſe it ſelf, we ſhall not need to fear the Enemy it ſelf, but hope, that that God that hath appeared hitherto, will ſtill appear for us, in a cauſe ſo juſt, and which we ought to maintain: And therefore Gentlemen, being the minor of the Parliament, they have been pleaſed to paſs a Proclamation, which I ſhall read to you.

Whereas the old and Implacable Enemy having for ſome time before the reſtoring of this Parliament, formed a Deſign for the bringing in of Charls Stewart, **to the Deſtruction of all the faithful and conſtant Aſſertors of the Parliaments moſt Juſt and Righteous cauſe, and had brought it to ſuch ripeneſſe, that (by the Confeſſion of divers Engaged) the day was preſixed, the firſt of this inſtant** Auguſt **for their Riſing in Arms; but through the good Providence of the Lord, were ſo timely diſcovered, that their Deſign was in a great meaſure diſappointed. Nevertheleſs it hath pleaſed the only wiſe God, to ſuffer the ſaid Deſign ſo far to break forth, that** Randolph Egerton **a Major General, and** Robert Werden **a Colonel, with**

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Divers others, Officers and Commanders in the War under the late King, together with Sir Tho. Middleton, Sir George Booth, and other Apostates, in prosecution of the same Design, have proclaimed Charls Stewart to be King, Levied Actual War, and possest themselves of Chester.

The Parliament doth therefore Declare and Proclaim the said Randolph Egerton, Robert Werden, Sir George Booth, Sir Thomas Middleton, and their Adherents in this War, to be Rebels and Traytors.

And because it is not probable that the said persons should, upon what specious pretences soever, undertake so wicked a Design without expecting Assistance from others, The Parliament, to the end that no more of the people of this Common-wealth be seduced into any Compliance with them, do also Declare, That whosoever shall from henceforth any ways Assist, Abet or Conceal the carrying on of their said Design, be Deemed and adjudged Rebels and Traytors, and shall be proceeded against accordingly.

This Proclamation the Parliament having past, thought it seasonable to communicate to you: Thus briefly you have heard the particulars of their present Affairs; The Parliament desires your Care, and expects your utmost Assistance, and best Affections for the carrying on of this work, being a Righteous and Good cause, and to do what lyes in you; That your peace and comfort may be brought home to you, and you shall find them and their best Assistance to go along with you, in the carrying on of this work, advancing the Trade of your flourishing City, and preserving your just Rights, Liberties, Laws and Priviledges.

The End.